

Mary Jo McMillen, Sigrid Nolte, Pam Bennett, Olivia Shakespeare, Rafael Montero, Lori Cerar, Rob Wesemann, Heather Rydalch, Dan Braun

Executive UBHPAC Meeting

September 23, 2019

Excused: Jennifer Marchant, Nettie Byrne, and Emily Bennett.

Meeting began at 12:08 PM. Rob led the **introductions**.

Pam said Malisa Pearson has already sent a Zoom link and will be ready at 12:15 PM to present.

Rob agreed that we should keep the subcommittee topics the same since we didn't get a chance to discuss it the last meeting, so we will just push back the schedule.

We then discussed the CIT political issue that Ginger's group, *Advocates Gone Rogue*, has been leading. **Rob** mentioned they claim that, "NAMI doesn't have a position," when really Rob has directly told Ginger that NAMI wants to stay out of the political debate. NAMI supports social work-based organizations, but not so much law enforcement organizations. There has been quite the push back from the CIT International Program. Pam had mentioned that Kim said there is no authority and that the group could get even more rouge without it. Mary Jo isn't sure that the *Advocates* have the full perspective on the issue.

Recap email thread: Rob said that three or four individuals had reached out to the group and mentioned that they wanted to state their side of the conversation and support the conversation. We need some unifying policy, but right now it is very decisive.

Dan asked why people were so contentious at the meeting and Pam believed that it was because people had already "picked sides" before the UBHPAC meeting. Next step of the proposal went in front of the council in St. George and might be going in front of other committees. Now, we are just waiting to hear back. Dan also asked how we can bring this to the bigger picture. Rob mentioned that we need continued focus on MCOT since it is another response team. Rob talked about the receiving centers in Phoenix, where the people can't refuse anyone, and it is a five-minute drop off for the police.

Pam mentioned that CIT is not a police program, it should be a community program. Lori said that the community must be the overarching focus of the system of care, or it will never work smoothly. Mary Jo talked about a unique EMS follow-up program where the team will visit people after emergency services aid people; she had no idea if it had any connection to the CIT

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program. Mary Jo mentioned that she could call Brian to ask how this system and CIT could connect. Rafael asked how manageable it would be to have team's follow-up with people who were stabilized and then left alone once the fire department had to leave.

Rob mentioned that we do not even have half the enrollment that we have needed for the Medicaid Expansion. Mary Jo thinks it is because they stopped funding the navigators to help people sign up.

Agenda for next meeting:

- Malisa will present at 12:15 PM.
- Jeremy will give Legislative updates (MCOTT, Medicaid/SHP-90, CIT proposal, etc.)
- Open for questions
- Breakouts on suicide prevention.

Mary Jo mentioned that it would be good to have someone come speak to us (maybe from the division, Dr. Robert Simpson, or a provider- like the Methadone clinic) to get rid of the stigma: "Getting people addicted to other drugs to get them off drugs." We also discussed that people do really well in a structured environment, and then struggle again when they are cut off.

Could we have Doctor Robert Simpson present in November? Or do we have someone else?

Rob will reach out to Tanji Northrup to present for December's parity discussion. Talked about the group meeting on January 2nd and possibly cancelling the February meeting for more Legislative participation.

Rob motioned to **approve the minutes**. Lori made first motion and Dan made a second motion. All approved.

Meeting ended at 1:25 PM.

***May need to reach out to individuals who are presenting in later months to tell them they've been pushed back a month.*